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#### Clearinghouse Rule 08-083

Relating to the Wisconsin lists of endangered and threatened species. Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

March 04, 2009

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

March 25, 2009

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD** 

Present:

(13) Representatives Black, Danou, Molepske Jr., Steinbrink, Hraychuck, Hebl, Milroy, J. Ott, Gunderson, Huebsch, LeMahieu, Mursau and

Nerison.

Absent:

(2) Representatives Clark (excused) and Mason.

#### Appearances For

• None.

#### Appearances Against

• None.

#### **Appearances for Information Only**

• None.

#### Registrations For

• None.

#### **Registrations Against**

• None.

#### Registrations for Information Only

- Signe Holtz, Madison DNR
- Randy Jurewicz, Madison DNR

John Maycroft

Committee Clerk



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March 6, 2009

Representative Spencer Black Room 210 N State Capitol Madison, WI 53708 HAND DELIVERED

Dear Representative Black,

As a member of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, I respectfully request a public hearing for Clearinghouse Rule 08-083 which allows the Trumpeter Swan and Osprey be removed from the State Endangered or Threatened Species List.

The Department of Natural Resources has enacted recovery and reintroduction programs increasing the populations of both species in Wisconsin. However, to ensure effective citizen participation in the rulemaking process, I request that a public hearing be held on the rule.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to call me at (608)266-0631.

Since el ...

Mike Huebsch

State Representative 94<sup>th</sup> Assembly District



Testimony
Committee on Natural Resources
Wednesday, March 25, 2009
Regarding Clearinghouse Rule 08-083, Relating to Wisconsin Lists of Endangered and Threatened Species.

Thank you, Chairman Black and members of the committee, for the opportunity to speak regarding the rule change before you. My name is Signe Holtz, and I am the Director of the Bureau of Endangered Resources, Department of Natural Resources.

The rule change will result in the removal of the Trumpeter swan and the osprey from Wisconsin's lists of endangered and threatened species. The Department has proposed this change because the goals of the recovery plans for these two species have been met and because the Department's analyses of their status in Wisconsin indicate that they no longer meet the definitions of endangered or threatened species in Wisconsin.

These are the results of recovery actions taken by the Department in concert with many partners over the last 25 years. For both species, the protection, management, and restoration of Wisconsin's wetlands and waters was key to the success of the birds. In the case of Trumpeter swans, the Department and its partners actively restored the bird to the state by collecting eggs of Alaskan trumpeter swans and releasing the young birds into the wild. For osprey, the Department and many partners also erected nesting platforms to provide places for osprey to nest which allowed the population to rebound.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear in front of the committee.

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